

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Sarah Grabowski, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Troy Grossnickle

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-22-055 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- J-22-061 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-22-062 – Accounting, Finance Division

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-22-055, J-22-

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061, and J-22-068 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from September 7, September 14, and Closed Session Minutes for August 24, 2021.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from September 7, September 14, and Closed Session Minutes for August 24, 2021, as presented. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Hearing on the FY 2022 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Easement Acquisition Program – Request to Approve 12 Applications

Anne Bradley, Administrator, Agricultural Preservation Program, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information to the FY 2022 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Easement Acquisition Program – Request to Approve 12 Applications.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Dave Siegel

Council Member Kai Hagen moved to approve FY-2021 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement Acquisition Program Parcel #22-03, #22-05NG, #22-09, #22-10, #22-16NG, #22-17, #22-23, #22-36, #22-38NG, #22-43, #22-46 and #22-48 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that

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passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

First Reading Calendar

Proposed Bill – Electric Vehicles

Council Member Kai Hagen presented information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Electric Vehicles.

Proposed Bill – Establish an Office of Equity and Inclusion and an Equity and Inclusion Commission

Council Member Kai Hagen, on behalf of Administration, presented information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Establish an Office of Equity and Inclusion and an Equity and Inclusion Commission.

Council took a break from 6:05 to 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

Council Related Initiatives for the 2022 Legislative Package

The Council held a Public Hearing on the Council Related Initiatives for the 2022 Legislative Package.

Board of Education Vacancy Special Election (McKay)

Position Statement – Requirements for Advertisement of Constant Yield Tax Rate (Donald)

Buildings Used for Agritourism (Fitzwater)

Position Statement – Climate Solutions Now Act (Fitzwater)

Public Comment was heard from:

- Tom Barrs
- Gary Hessong
- Troy Grossnickle
- Paul Walker
- Tom Coe

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- Mary Posey
- Colby Ferguson
- Kevin Sellner
- Pam Burke
- Linda Norris
- Elizabeth Bauer

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council